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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Camp No. 1 dated Mysore, 14th June 1937.

Under the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Regulation, 1917, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to declare that, in modification of Notification No. P. 3573—Legis. 27-56-1, dated 30th November 1936 declaring the Public Holidays for the year 1937, Saturday the 19th June 1937 shall be a Public Holiday on account of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday instead of Monday the 21st June 1937.

By Order,

M. VENKATESA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

No. G. 9517—G.M. 88-35-6, dated 27th—31st May 1937.

The undermentioned instructions issued by the Executive Engineer, Port Haj Committee, Bombay, in connection with payment of Customs Duty by pilgrims from the Hejaz are published for general information:—

Pilgrims are informed that they are allowed to bring with them free of duty on their return voyage from the Hejaz the following articles which they generally bring to India as sacred relics from the Hejaz:—

- (a) Zamzam water.
- (b) Religious books.
- (c) Clay bricks (with inscribed texts from the Quran).
- (d) Coffin cloth dipped in Holy Water, one piece up to 40 yards only.
- (e) Beads (clay, glass or amber) up to a value of Rs. 3 only.
- (f) Prayer carpets, small, two, in addition to the one allowed under the baggage rules.
- (g) Shawls (silk or cotton) 4 to 6 only, according to the status of the pilgrim.
- (h) Charms and pictures of holy shrines in such quantities as appear to be reasonable for the needs of an individual.
- (i) Provisions or stores of value not exceeding Rs. 5 including a case of dates of the size of a kerosine oil case.

2. The *bona fide* luggage of passenger is exempt from duty when it accompanies him, does not form part of the cargo, is not included in the manifest and is declared in the prescribed form *unless the proper officer of Customs otherwise directs*. *Bona fide* luggage includes wearing apparel and other personal effects provided that the articles are not for sale and are imported for the personal use of the passenger or of members of his family travelling with him; but it shall not include the following articles on which duty must be paid in all cases:—

- (1) Arms, ammunition and military stores.
- (2) Perfumed spirits exceeding one pint.
- (3) Cigars exceeding 50 and cigarettes exceeding 100 whether in opened or unopened boxes and tins and other tobacco exceeding half pound in weight.
- (4) Cloth to be made up into apparel and furnishing materials.
- (5) Articles for household use, such as furniture, pictures, carpets, glass crockery, cutlery and silver and plated ware except such articles (other than furniture and carpets) as shall appear to the Customs Authorities to be imported in a moderate quantity and to be required for the personal use of the passenger whilst travelling or immediately upon his arrival on destination. One carpet of a size not exceeding 35 sq. feet may be passed free for each passenger, provided that the proper Officer of Customs is satisfied that the carpet is genuinely in use by such passenger as part of his bedding or in lieu of bedding or of a deck chair.
- (6) Silver coin (other than current coins of the Government of India) exceeding Rs. 100 in exchange value.